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Militant Unions Grow As Result of Southern California Strikes

Wirin Kidnapping Arouses State-wide Protests; 80 Strikers Now in Imperial Valley Jail Face Lynch Terror

Milk Strike Is Concentrated on Large Dairies

STRIKE IN SMALL PLACES IS CALLED OFF

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 26.—The Milk Section of the Food Workers Industrial Union, at their regular meeting last night, voted to concentrate on Adohr, Golden State and Jessup dairies and call off the strike in all the other smaller dairies.

This move will make it possible to support the strikers in the large dairies, which have fought the strike with every form of police and gang terror and lying newspaper propaganda.

The other dairies have already begun calling the union to send out milkers. They have been caught between the pressure of the big dairies, which have been carrying on a milk price war in order to force them out of business and yet have insisted that they hold out against the union and the workers who have insisted on union recognition.

Milk is selling as low as 5¢ a quart in Los Angeles.

Supervisor Jessup, large dairy owner, has asked the A. F. of L. to organize a "legitimate" union of the milkers to fight the militant TUUL union.

Jail Baylin, Somers

Steve Somers, secretary of the Milk Section, and Meyer Baylin, member of the Trade Union Unity League Council, were arrested last night by deputy sheriffs and police on the trumped up charge of "kidnapping", because they signed the three who say they were kidnapped, into the Union after they came to the Union headquarters.

Baylin and Jean Allen were arraigned this afternoon, and held on \$3000 bail each. Jean Allen was originally arrested along with Martha Meade and Peter Venema for "resisting officers" when they came to union headquarters to make the arrests. All are held.

Fakers Fail in Try to Split Gallup Miners

MINERS REFUSE TO JOIN THE U.M.W.A.; 75% ORGANIZED IN MILITANT UNION

GALLUP, N. M., Jan. 24.—Two attempts of the fakers Bill Reese, boss Moses, Statham and Telly to split the miners here by building a local of the A. F. of L. United Mine Workers of America failed recently.

At the first meeting, called in the Gamarco (Gallup American Coal Co.) camp, Jan. 7th, about thirty showed up. Statham proposed that they change the name from the U.M.W.A. but this was voted down, some declaring the miners would not join the U.M.W.A. under any name. Moses, mine superintendent, proposed an independent union, but a miner said they were all satisfied with the militant National Miners Union and did not need two unions. The meeting was quickly adjourned.

The next meeting was called last Friday, after the U.M.W.A. group passed around the word that a mass meeting would be held to call a strike on Monday. On Friday night the regular meeting of the N.M.U. Gamarco local voted to attend the fakers' meeting, in the meantime by a leaflet warning the miners against the attempt of the U.M.W.A. to split their ranks and try to gain control of the pits and force the check-off system upon them.

Walk Out of Meeting

Statham opened the meeting, saying all those who did not want to join the U.M.W.A. must leave. Most of the meeting got up and walked out, including a member of the U.M.W.A. committee who resented this forcing the miners to leave a mass meeting. Only about forty were left in the hall, and they were company men, gamblers, stone clerks, etc. with a few from camps outside Gamarco.

After the miners left, those remaining voted a strict no-strike policy, and to abide 100% by the NRA—as interpreted by the Gamarco.

More than 75% of the miners are in the National Miners Union, affiliated with the TUUL, whose leadership won in their last strike and have no use for John Lewis' no-strike agreements.

Chambers Faces a New Visalia Frame-Up Trial; Rush Protests!

2,000 at Brawley Agricultural Union Meet

I. L. D. TO DEFEND THE 80 ARRESTED DURING STRIKE

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 29.—Al Wirin, attorney for the American Civil Liberties Union, recently kidnapped by an armed gang in Brawley during the lettuce pickers strike, has returned to Los Angeles to prepare his case against Captain Hynes, Capt. of the State Highway Patrol in Imperial Valley, Governor Ralph and twenty-five "John Does" for conspiracy to break the Cannery & Agricultural Workers strike by terrorism, violence and lawlessness. He is suing these three and others for \$250,000 damages.

Two dozen thugs kidnapped Wirin from the Planters Hotel Tuesday night, carried him out into the desert, beat him, and left him there, threatening death if he didn't leave the valley. They had hoped by this means to stop the Aztec Hall meeting for which the A. C. L. U. had procured a Federal injunction against Sheriff Campbell and Chief of Police Cromer to prevent its being broken up. However, 2000 agricultural workers waited quietly for an hour for Wirin to appear, and when it was clear he would not be present, other speakers took the floor and the meeting was carried on.

When Wirin was located in El Centro later that night, the speakers went there, where an armed drunken mob of deputies and Legionnaires forced them all into automobiles and with police escort that Wirin and Wirin were driven out of Imperial county.

I. L. D. Defending Jailed Strikers

With all the efforts of the International Labor Defense at work defending the 80 strikers who had been arrested in the reign of terror, a joint conference of the I. L. D., Trade Union Unity League, American Civil Liberties Union, Pen and Hammer and others decided the A. C. L. U. should fight in the valley for the right of the workers to meet, while the other organizations supported the strike in

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Cordage Co. Men Strike and Win

ORANGE, Cal., Jan. 23.—One hundred and twenty workers at the Great Western Cordage Co. went on strike here last Monday and within fifteen minutes had won an increase of 20% and returned to work.

The workers had organized into a union, but when the membership had grown to forty a long dormant committee stepped in to their decision throughout the strike, picketing alongside the Industrial Union members, and braving with them, the organized police terror whenever it was necessary to hold union meetings or distribute leaflets and bulletins.

Although the A. F. of L. union took no action in the strike, the pickers in that union refused to scab. Many of them joined the C. & AWIU during the strike. In Redlands A. F. of L. misleaders tried and failed, in efforts to break the strike, while terror was organized against the strikers. More than 400 paid deputies were used in the fields.

Realizing the failure to make larger gains was due to insufficient organization, the union is organizing stronger for future struggles.

Oregon Supreme Court Hesitates in Jordan Case

PROTESTS FORCE COURT TO ASK FOR "MORE DETAILS"

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 25.—The mass protest aroused by the International Labor Defense to save Theodore Jordan, Negro worker, from the noose on framed-up charges of murder, has temporarily halted the Oregon Supreme Court from denying his petition for a re-hearing of the case. The court has requested the Klamath County district attorney to file a brief in the case, in answer to the appeal of the I. L. D. attorneys.

Convicted purely on repudiated "confessions" forced from him by brutal third-degree methods, Jordan's position is no less dangerous now, as the move for a prosecution brief is seen only as getting a legal basis on which to deny the appeal.

The protests to save him must be intensified. Every individual, every working-class organization,

must at once rush protests to the Oregon Supreme Court, Salem, Oregon, demanding they grant the rehearing, and to Gov. Meier, Salem, demanding the immediate and unconditional release of Jordan.

TO WHICH I HAVE REPLIED:

Resent tone of your telegram. San Francisco longshoremen have had opportunity to join like men for past eighteen years, but due to strange maneuvering on part of officers which you have apparently condoned they have remained outside of their International organization. I am informed by Bjorklund, Holman and Deal that vast majority San Francisco longshoremen have

Los Angeles Will Double Communist Signature Quota

WILL COLLECT 10,000; RED SUNDAYS BRING GOOD RESULTS

Ask More Petitions

ELECTION CONFERENCE OF ORGANIZATIONS ON FEB. 11

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 29.—Asking for more petitions to place a larger number of signature collectors on the job. Los Angeles informed the State Election Committee that they intend to collect twice the 5,000 quota given them.

They point out that they are determined to organize such a large backing for the Communist Party on the ballot, that the state officials will not even dare attempt to keep it off.

An enlarged conference to involve all workers organizations in the drive, will take place in Los Angeles on Feb. 11.

Reports coming from many cities indicate that where Party and other workers organizations organize "Red Sundays", excellent reports are obtained. The District election campaign committee will soon announce a district-wide "Red Sunday", during which an effort will be made for the most thorough mobilization of all Communist supporters and members, to comb every neighborhood.

1200 Welcome Soviet Seamen at S. F. Meeting

SOVIET WORKERS GREATLY IMPRESSED BY SUPPORT FOR SOVIET UNION

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 27.—More than 1200 workers jammed every available inch of Eagles Hall last night to give a rousing welcome to the seamen of the Soviet motorship, Sovyuzpushchina. Tremendous enthusiasm stopped the speeches time and again as workers applauded the crew, every reference to the successes of the Soviet Union and the call to build a Soviet America here.

The Marine Workers Industrial Union, sponsoring the welcome, gave two beautiful banners to the crew, a flag to be placed in Comrade Morris' tomb and a banner to hang in the Marine Workers Hall in Vladivostok. Captain Zeleny accepted the banners and in the name of the whole crew thanked the workers of San Francisco for their expressions of solidarity. The other members of the crew were cheered as they took their places on the platform, but were unable to respond in English.

This meeting followed a continual stream of thousands of visitors to the little boat docked on the Oakland side of the bay.

A dance followed the meeting, during which the San Francisco workers had an opportunity to have personal talks with members of the crew through translations, signs and gestures.

Demonstrations Feb. 3 Will Place Demands Before CWA; To Back Wash. Convention

Lord Marley, Editor of "Brown Book" To Speak at S. F. Anti-Fascist Meeting

Will Speak Feb. 14 at Opera House on "One Year of Hitler Terror"

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 29.—Lord Marley, International Chairman of the Committee to Aid the Victims of German Fascism, editor of the famous "Brown Book", member of the English Parliament, will speak in San Francisco on Wednesday evening, Feb. 14, at the Opera House on Van Ness Avenue.

He will arrive by airplane from Chicago on Feb. 13. His subject will be "One Year of the Hitler Regime". Lord Marley, was one of the most active in gathering the facts which so thoroughly exposed the Nazi's Reichstag fire frame-up of the four Communists, Torgler, Dimitroff, Popoff and Tanoff.

Despite the short notice given for the arrangements of this meeting it is expected to be the greatest anti-fascist demonstration yet witnessed in San Francisco.

Thugs Attack Alex Noral on Way to Speak at Earlimart

HIT IN FACE WITH ROCK, BUT SPEAKS ANYWAY; WORKERS DEFEND MEETING

EARLIMART, Cal., Jan. 28.—Continuing their terrorism in an effort to smash the workers movement in the valley, a gang of thugs ambushed the car taking Comrade Alex Noral to speak at the Earlimart meeting. Hidden in a vineyard about a quarter of a mile from the meeting place, the gang burst out and hurled a shower of rocks into the car, badly cutting Noral's mouth and loosening all his front teeth.

This, however, did not stop Noral and he delivered his speech on "The NRA, Fascism and War", while workers armed themselves and guarded the meeting. Although none were identified, earlier rumors indicate it was American Legionnaires working with the same gang of landlords who murdered two strikers in Pixley during the cotton strike.

Relief Fight

On Friday thirty men, women and children from the Cannery & Agricultural Workers' Industrial Union went to Tulare and demanded clothes for their children so they could go to school. After putting up a militant fight, they finally forced Mrs. Tubbs to give them the necessary orders

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Ruthenberg House Dedication Feb. 4

A "Red Dedication" will take place for the Ruthenberg House, new headquarters of the Workers School at 121 Haight St., on Sunday, Feb. 4, 8:00 p. m. Comrade Morris, editor of the Western Worker, who knew the first secretary of the Party personally will give a sketch of Comrade Ruthenberg and his work.

In addition there will be entertainment and dancing. There will be a film showing, and a mass chant. Admission 25¢, unemployed 10¢.

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Over 300 workers have so far joined the council.

300 Poisoned at Portland Kitchen of Salvation Army

\$1,000 BAIL FOR DEMANDING DECENT SOUP-LINE CONDITIONS

STOCKTON, Cal., Jan. 27.—Two unemployed workers, Ray Goggin and Herron, are being sentenced with out trial here on a frame-up of Ben Culver, local relief administrator, Salvation Army captain, Strathdee, both of whom claim to be "Socialists", and Police Chief Fredericks. Arrested for being among sixty unemployed workers who recently demanded food at the S. A. kitchen and stayed until they got it, they are held on two charges with bail set at \$1000 each. And their trial has been set two and a half months in advance, since it is clear the filious charges can not stand up. Four others jailed with them on the same vagrancy charges had been released.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 26.—At least 300 single workers at the Salvation Army soup kitchen here were poisoned with inferior meat and fruit served there. Although none of the workers are in a serious condition they were too ill to do the required forced labor the following morning.

A committee of action elected from the S. A. called upon Daniels, in charge of the single workers' relief, to protest against the inhuman conditions imposed upon them and forced Daniels to admit that food of the poorest quality is being served not only at the Salvation Army but at the Commons and Grand Ma's kitchen as well.

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PESCADERO, Cal., Jan. 25.—Two of the leaders of the Cannery & Agricultural Industrial Union, Leo Maigues and V. Ordoniz, were arrested yesterday by Redwood City police.

Earlier in the day a picket-line of the striking spinach workers drove from the fields nine scabs brought in from San Jose. The rancher phoned in and the sheriff came out, but when he drew his gun to terrorize them, the pickets surrounded him and chased him away. He then brought four carloads of deputies and arrested Ordoniz and Maigues. The pickets then went in to Redwood City and demanded their release.

The strike, now in its third week, is for 25¢ an hour, weekly pay days and recognition of the union.

Earlier in the day the boss of the 400 gang sent for Construction Workers Industrial Union delegate, Hackney, wanting to transfer him out of the gang for telling the workers about the union and get him shifted to another gang which servilely follows every whim of the boss. "They'll throw you in the lake," he said.

But Hackney refused to be transferred. "Oh yes you will," said the husky boss, hitting him on the jaw. After all, it's easy to hit a seventy-year-old man. But he got the surprise of his life when Hackney socked him right back and drew blood.

The men of Hackney's gang

surged around him, and demanded that Hackney stay right where he was and that if anybody left he must be the boss. A delegation went to the main superintendent, led by the CWIU job committee.

And Hackney was not transferred. And not only do the

Levee

Merced bosses realize the

CWIU will fight on the job, but other CWA workers, seeing it, want to know more about a union like that.

Rothstein, Rother, on Trial in Free-Speech Fight

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 30.—Tomorrow at 2 p. m. in Judge Melkie's court at the Hall of Justice, Comrades Ida Rothstein and Henry Rother will stand trial for "speaking in a park".

Two weeks ago these two and ten others were jailed for holding the regular open air meeting in Jefferson Park and when in court ordered to repeat an oath of allegiance to the flag, the twelve refused. Judge Melkie held Rothstein and Rother, re-leasing the others.

The International Labor Defense, pointing out that this is an important fight in the battle for free speech, appeals to all workers to pack the courtroom Wednesday for the trial.

already joined local thirty-eight, series seven nine of San Francisco. Cannot see why it should cause bitter antagonism of shipowners as you state in your wire excepting ship owners favor the leaders of the men and not the men themselves. This the first time I have ever heard representative of the Seamen's International Union worrying about attitude of shipowners will appreciate you refraining from questioning or criticizing my attitude in the matter. End Quote. Kindly send me real attitude of men you have actually signed up. Also wire me real attitude of employers. Convey this information to Brother Deal.

JOSEPH. P. RYAN.

The twenty-five hundred men Scharrenberg refers to are those that were forced to pay dues to the Blue Book company union, and as he terms it "have been

COMPTON WORKER GETS TASTE OF THE HOME LOAN OFFICIALS

Realizes Mistake in Not Continuing Militant Fight

COMPTON, Cal., Jan. 19.—I signed a lien on my home at 320 W. Reeves Street, Compton, realizing even at the time that I was making a great mistake.

I applied for a loan to save my home from the mortgage company. The Home Loan officials, the welfare agents and the

mortgage company officials altogether demanded that I accept this fishy proposition:

1.—That I should sign a lien for an indefinite amount, which they believed would be \$270.61, but which would be itemized later.

2.—That the mortgage company should in turn deduct \$125 from the amount of my debt.

And if I didn't sign they declared that 17 deputies would be out the next day to put my furniture, my wife and two small children into the street.

RWPW Stop Eviction

I refused to sign at first. The Relief Workers Protective Union took up my case and kept up a vigil for five days to be ready for the deputies. They didn't come, but I was called in again. Still they did not have an itemized account; still they declared that the amount was probably \$270.61.

Worn out by their continued nagging, I signed the lien. I still didn't understand why the mortgage company wanted to write down its bill by \$125, nor how the welfare department figured out so enormous a bill. I knew that other workers had refused to sign liens and nothing had been done about it, but I thought my case was different because of the application for a federal loan and the club that was being held over me.

But today the itemized bill came, totalling \$327.40!

False Items on Bill

I was completely flabbergasted when I read the items. For instance, in February, 1932, I was charged with seven grocery orders, ranging from \$6.70 to \$7.61 per order.

Now anyone familiar with L. A. county relief knows that at that time only two orders per month were allowed. I didn't get any more than two.

Another thing — for eight months out of the period from January 1932 to December 1933, I was charged with milk bills. In August 1932 there were three milk bills totalling \$5.67. Imagine the L. A. County charities paying that amount in one month for milk for an unemployed family! As a matter of fact there were only three months out of all the time listed when the county paid for our milk.

Another thing — there are two fuel bills listed for December 7, 1933, although the county paid no gas bills for me in December. By that time I was working on CWA and received no further aid from the county.

These are only a few items. There are numerous others. The whole list is full of grocery, milk and fuel items, some of which I probably received but many of which I could not have received.

I think I understand now why they railroaded me into signing a blank check.

Someone obviously got money for the missing items and probably for those that weren't missing.

The strange desire of the mortgage company to write \$125 off its note and the hard-boiled threatening attitude of both the home loan and county welfare agents indicates the pot was being split three ways.

I realize also why the RWPW takes a militant attitude.

It will be a long warm day in December before the county or anyone else collects for a lot of those items—and I hope I'm still a member of a militant organization when the attempt is made.

—A. W. Hale,

Swanton Camp Got Only Promises

TENTS CONDEMNED IN ARMY, FULL OF HOLES GIVEN MEN

Underfed Children

SWANTON CAMP, Santa Cruz Co., Cal., Jan. 17.—We have been here in this camp since Dec. 5th, but received no pay yet. First they told us they would pay us Dec. 20, then Dec. 23 and last Jan. 5. We wanted to go to town on the holidays, for we had three days, but receiving no pay we could not.

California State Forestry men are in charge. We live in tents that at one time belonged to the U. S. Army, but got so many holes in them that they were condemned. On each tent are letters L. C. meaning inspected and condemned. These tents are wet inside whenever it rains. The first week here even our beds were wet.

They have been able to keep the men quiet by promising to build some good bunk-houses and said the lumber was due to arrive here any day. That was on about Dec. 10 and there is no sign of lumber yet.

The meals have too much starch, food, such as rice, potatoes, spaghetti, macaroni and beans. There hasn't been any eggs served, except a few times scrambled. The food does not cost the camp more than 10¢ per meal.

Workers here would be much interested in literature and they would not only read it, but would study it. When I get my pay, will see that some is procured.

—Slave Camp Worker.

CWA Foremen Fear Organization of Workers

TRY TO STOP DISTRIBUTION OF LEAFLETS ON GRIEVANCES

OAKLAND, Cal., Jan. 20.—Recently I was out on a CWA job on Red Canyon Road putting out handbills calling the workers to a meeting to demand better sanitation on the job. Two or three workers contracted the dreaded trench mouth disease because of the bad drinking water.

The head timekeeper Jackson, jumped upon me. He said that the workers had nothing to kick about. I asked him about the water. He said this was a new job and that things will be taken care of and that there was no need for an organization, because the men are already organized as they are working for the federal government. He was pointed out other grievances, such as deducting from pay for a minute lateness on the job. He said it was not true and got several drunk legionnaires to back him up. The workers know that that is a lie.

Part of Army

"I am an army officer and was in charge of the CCC all summer," he said. "We took young boys off the road and put them in camps and this was more than your organized labor could do." He was looking at the A. F. of L. button on my coat. He said, "I see you belong to the Teamsters Union, but you are organizing these boys into another. Do you know the CCC are part of the standing army?"

A large aerodrome can be established on Adak Island and the island can be fortified with everything in two months. —Ex-Sailor.

Small Rice Growers Get Raw Deal

MODESTO, Cal., Jan. 24.—A protest meeting of rice growers in Stanislaus was called at Oakdale Friday night. Those who attended were small farm owners, who declare they will be impoverished if the Rice Growers' Code, drawn up by the big growers, is carried out.

"The code gives no fair consideration to the small farm owners with from ten to forty acres," they said. "Many of our small ranches are in irrigation districts and our land is suitable for rice growing only. Many of us have grown rice for one or two years and the five-year average scheme will limit us to such an extent that it will practically put us out of business."

About 3000 acres are planted to rice in small holdings in the county.

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How Imperial Valley Was Opened to Organization

Miserable Conditions, Terror, Finally Forced Revolt of 5,000 Under the Leadership of the Cannery and Agricultural Workers Union

Police Patrols Searching for Imperial Valley Strike Leaders



Despite state highway police who joined with deputized thugs and American Legionnaires in trying to break with terrorism the lettuce pickers strike, picket lines went from field to field to spread the strike.

to feed, clothe and house a family of seven.

Want TUUL Union

To this woman and her husband, and to the thousands of agricultural workers in the valley, the Cannery & Agricultural Workers Industrial Union is no stranger. After the organized brutality of police and gangs had broken the Union strike in 1930, and jailed the leaders under the infamous Criminal Syndicalism law, the workers had tried to organize themselves under local leaders. These leaders, honest but timid and inexperienced, had tried the impossible task of forming a union that would make gains for the workers without offending the ranchers and their government. The workers have been impatient with these policies, homesick for the militant, effective line of the Trade Union Unity League.

The diet is mostly beans, tortillas, macaroni, field vegetables. When the union organizer comes, the husband hurries out and charges a steak. The organizer protests. Oh, that is all right, they say. We have meat once a week, anyway. That is a polite lie. They cannot have meat even once a week, with \$6.50 a week

WHERE ARE THE WOBBLIES?

(By a marine worker who visited Seattle after a lapse of ten years)

When a seaman goes downtown from the Seattle docks in the evening, he meets groups of unemployed standing on the corners of Washington St. and Occidental Ave. Two of the corners are taken by the Soul Savers, their audience varying according to the material benefits they bestow—a night's flop, a night's doze on a chair, or a bowl of soap. The workers around the brass band angels range from fifteen to thirty, the Salvation Army attracting the higher figure, as their girls can ably imitate a classic dance with a tambourine without shifting their feet.

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Various solve-the-crisis magicians occupy the third corner, talking to themselves most of the time.

But the fourth corner is jammed all the way from the windows of the employment office beyond the middle of the street, leaving hardly room for the auto to pass. Here are proletarians from many industries, lumberjacks, longshoremen, seamen, listening to the speaker who acts as his own chairman, and Daily Worker agent, and is ready to go a couple of rounds with any provocateur who wisecracks. More than two hundred stand in the fog and drizzle, eagerly asking questions, telling of wage-cut attempts on various docks, while others promise to join the Unemployed Citizens League or participate in the Scottsboro demonstration.

Two A. F. of L. members who by their attire, striped, clean, overalls, pencil stuck in their caps, seemingly among the better paid, dropped off their car to listen to the speaker. One said that this was a good education and donated a dollar for the distribution of 20 Dailies. His partner, not yet impressed, finally wanted to go, but upon insistence from the former, both stayed for about half an hour.

On leaving they both took Dailies and admitted that the program was alright only the name was "un-American".

The Salvation Army blares out now and again to disturb the speaker, but no sooner does he turn and point to them and explain their black mission than they stop and in a hushed key implore the saviour to end his grave, as a final tribute.

But the hand bills were distributed. The workers are anxious to organize, and we have already three locals of the CWA union. —CWA Worker.

Bakersfield Negro Vets Jim - Crowed

BAKERSFIELD, Cal., Jan. 24.—At the recent meeting of the Kern County Colored Veterans Club, the charge of discrimination against Negro veterans was urged by Comrade Scott. The leading advisor of the club had opposed their using the Cannery & Agricultural Workers Industrial Union hall, on the grounds that no American veterans should be in a hall that "smells of Communism".

Why then, Scott demanded, if they were kept away from this hall (on orders of a local politician) were they denied the use of the regular American Legion hall or the Memorial Hall, and forced to meet in segregated groups? The reason, of course, he pointed out, was that the Legion will not permit the Negro veterans in their organization, and now fear that some of them will learn to unite with the white workers.

Where are the Wobblies?

I must confess this was not what I expected to see in Seattle, once stronghold of the Wobblies. As I came to the corner I took the big crowd for the I. W. W. meeting, expecting to see the Communist Party speaker in the small one. But the I. W. W. was not present at all.

Exhilarated by the sight I forgot to ask what had become of the regular American Legion hall or the Memorial Hall, and forced to meet in segregated groups? The reason, of course, he pointed out, was that the Legion will not permit the Negro veterans in their organization, and now fear that some of them will learn to unite with the white workers.

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Oakland Shelter Inmate Tells Why They Protested

OAKLAND, Cal., Jan. 23.—Five workers were recently arrested at a demonstration of single unemployed in front of the Shelter at 4th and Jefferson St., protesting the rotten conditions there.

This shelter is very unsanitary. We are forced to go to this shelter and sleep in a single room in double beds, 100 men to a small room. Five hundred men are registered for this shelter and no provision is made to accommodate others. Some are being brought in daily and squeezed in here. There are no bathing and laundry facilities while men in all sorts of physical condition, some filthy with vermin and disease are admitted without examination. The blankets we use are not fumigated and we are given different blankets each evening.

What a surprise to see a man standing on a soapbox speaking in the name of the I. W. W., well dressed, black overcoat and a nice felt hat, tall and clean-shaven. I took him for a preacher. If he had been dressed in gray I could have taken him for a federal dick. To my surprise an old lumberjack told me it was Thompson. "You don't mean Thompson with the big mustache as I knew him back in 1926, when he came out of Leavenworth prison and spoke before a crowd of longshoremen and their families in Philadelphia, telling how he defied Judge Landis and promising he would lead them in their future struggle? They waited for him a long time and have had to lead their own struggles."

"Yes," said the lumberjack. "He's clean-shaven now. He looks like a regular fellow because he stands in good with the Seattle Chamber of Commerce." Matthe Woll and Bill Green have nothing on Thompson. This misleader is doing his best to oust them. Not only had he nothing to say about the workers in other parts but he calumniated the heroic German workingclass and the German Communist Party. The only way I can explain the present attitude of these betrayers of the workingclass is that in their first skirmish with workingclass enemies they became captivated by the magic whisper in their ears of the warden of the penitentiary.

POWERS, Ore., Jan. 20.—Comrade Miles Best, Western Worker agent and one of the most active and loyal comrades in the Communist Party here, died of heart failure last Tuesday. Despite his 59 years, Comrade Best was a hard worker in the cause of the revolution.

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EAST OF THE ROCKIES

Funds for Big Navy Will Pass

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 26.—Oiling the administration-controlled congressional machinery, house leaders today cleared the way for approval of the naval building program with an additional \$386,000,000 expenditure calculated "to give America a treaty-size navy." Plans were announced to increase to 2100 the number of airplanes as against 1000 provided for at present by the bill.

Ultimate passage of the bill by the senate is assured.

Protests Force Arrest of Lynchers

LEXINGTON, Ky., Jan. 25.—Four men are being held here as officials attempt to cover up their laxity in protecting Rex Scott, a Negro, who was taken from Perry County jail here and lynched. A wave of indignant protests poured in upon Governor Ruby Laffoon at Lexington over the lynching of the Negro.

German Interest Due U. S.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 22.—Dr. Hans Luther, German ambassador to the United States, was called to the White House to confer with Roosevelt on interest payments on \$1,000,000,000 in German bonds owned by Americans. The president has sent two dunning letters to the Nazi government in an effort to collect the interest for Wall Street but has failed to receive a reply.

Bombs Throw in Farm Sale

KENTLAND, Ind., Jan. 24.—Tear-gas bombs were used here against 1,000 farmers seeking to block a farm mortgage sale held Sunday. Three farmers were arrested, including Alfred Tlak, national secretary of the United Farmers League. The three held on \$5,000 bail, were spirited out of town by the sheriff who feared the mass of farmers would forcibly free them.

Miners Defy Lewis Machine

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Jan. 22.—Three hundred and fifty miners here have refused to obey orders of the United Mine Workers Union that they return to work immediately. The miners are on strike in protest against the discharge of five of their number by coal operators because they were arrested last September and indicted on charges of riot.

Huge Drop in U. S. Economy Shown

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 21.—The extent in the drop in the U. S. economy was shown in the survey of the special committee, at the request of the Senate. The committee after a year's work, issued a 200-page report now made public. It concludes that the national income fell from \$1 billion dollars in 1929 to 49 billion dollars at the end of 1932. Production income totalled \$3 billion in 1929 and fell to \$8 billion in 1932. Wages fell more than any other item. In six major industries computed wages declined to 39.8% of the 1929 total.

Walk Out on Waldorf Astoria Guests

NEW YORK CITY, N. Y., Jan. 26.—A walk-out of 600 hotel employees of the luxurious Waldorf Astoria Hotel during the dining hour, marked the start of a strike to spread to all New York hotels.

The strike started when two members of the Amalgamated Food Workers Union were discharged. The wealthy guests were forced to bear the great discomfort of "eating out." The Food Workers Industrial Union is giving full support to the strike.

Delegates Pouring in for FSU Convention

NEW YORK CITY, N. Y., Jan. 26.—More than 500 credentials are reported in already for the national convention of the Friends of the Soviet Union, which promises to be the broadest of any in its history. Delegates from 25 states are pouring into New York.

Milkers Tell How Scab 'Kidnapping' Story Originated

SCABS FILE CHARGES AFTER THEIR RIDICULOUS DEMANDS ARE REJECTED

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 24.—That the three scabs who are accusing striking milkers of "kidnapping" them did not file those charges until after their excessive demands for strike relief had been denied by leading members in the union, is the statement of a number of milkers and other TUUL members who were present at the time these demands were made.

Charles Lopez, Jesus Garibay and Perez, had been persuaded by milk strike pickets to stop scabbing and join the union. They came up to the union hall and Lopez, as spokesman, made demands of Elmer Fowler, Pete Venema and others, for food and money for strike relief. Fowler pointed out that these men had been working for two weeks and had no coming and having given the men a meal and fifty cents carfare said that was all they were entitled to at the time. Lopez became very angry and, taking the other two with him, left the hall. He returned within an hour with police, declared that he had been "kidnapped" and pointed out those with whom he had been arguing as the ones guilty.

Nevada CWA Same as in Other States

FALLON, Nev., Jan. 25.—The CWA has arrived here with its "special staff" of buck-passers and its customary policy of discrimination. When help is needed only those persons who are personally known to the members of the staff get it. Men who were not even registered were told to do so and immediately given jobs, while others, registered days before, were told that there was no work.

Need is no criterion for obtaining work. Those who have credit on a bill at the stores get the jobs; those with no credit, who were on the hunger line, have to wait. One farmer, a single man with several thousand dollars worth of gilt-edged securities is working, but others, needing it, are not.

The small proportion of the unemployed who have been put to work shows clearly the inadequacy of the CWA as a means of unemployment relief, although the stagger system has been employed in order to give work to more men, and get them off the relief rolls. —CWA Worker.

Sardine Fishermen Win Strike



Tying up all eight canneries, San Pedro fishermen last week struck and won their demand for \$7 a ton on all eight-inch sardines. The strike was a united front of all fishermen's organizations, led by the Fishermen & Cannery Workers Industrial Union.

Upper photo shows one of the meetings on the dock with the Western Worker being sold to the strikers. Lower photo, crew of one of the fishing boats.

Risen From Woe

BY 12 COMRADES
(Sung as a Negro Spiritual)

Sorrow's children, misery's kin,
Negro's white men spurned;
Slavery's chains they forced us to bear,
Scorned, lynched and burned;

Then we learned what Workers can be:

Learned that toilers all can be free.

Now we face a glorious day,—

Hail Soviet sway!

(CHORUS)
Risen from woe, onward we go,
Stronger, we know, able to grow;
Workingclass folk breaking our yoke,
Taught by that Star: U. S. R.

Turning from tears dripping with tears;
Fighting for bread, by Communists led,

Risen from woe, onward we go,
Cheering the flag that's red.

Age-long torture opened our eyes,—
Death-stained years we've shed;
Murder's vengeance stifled our cries;
Smote, mocked our dead.

Bore our heartaches year after year.

Now we know the road that is ours,—

Hail Soviet pow'r!

L. A. Workers Kill Anti-Picketing Ordinance

LARGE PROTEST MOVEMENT AGAINST POLICE BRUTALITY MOBILIZED

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 23.—Two thousand workers gathered at the Plaza at noon today under the auspices of the Trade Union Unity League and the International Labor Defense to protest against the police and gang terror against striking workers in Southern California and the raid on the local TUUL headquarters Saturday night, and the arrest of five workers on frame-up charges of kidnapping and criminal syndicalism.

Representatives of workers organizations and the Communist Party spoke on the strikes and the terror. Steve Somers, secretary of the Milkers Union said, "Since 1930, this is the first time the milkers have had any real support to fight for bettering their conditions."

Defeat Ordinance

Yesterday in a Council Chamber packed with workers and others opposed to the proposed county anti-picketing ordinance, the ordinance was defeated by a three to two vote of the county Board of Supervisors. Delegates from the Trade Union Unity League, the Needle Trades Workers Industrial Union, the Milkers Union and the National Students League spoke against the bill.

Buzzell, secretary of the Central Labor Council of the A. F. of L. spoke against the ordinance because "the criminal syndicalism law takes care of the situation." He said the city should have issued an injunction against the milk strike.

Supervisor Jessup, dairy owner who has been fighting the milkers, and who went back on his agreement with the union, was one of those who voted in favor of the ordinance.

Comrade Calvin Johnson Sought

Information is desired as to the whereabouts of Calvin Johnson, an active worker in the North Beach Section. Comrade Johnson, a Negro worker, suddenly disappeared, and was last seen on Jan. 11. Johnson is 28 years old, 5 feet 6 1/2 inches tall and weighs about 160 pounds. When last seen he was wearing a black suit.

Anyone able to throw light on his whereabouts, please communicate with the Western Worker, 37 Grove Street.

—North Beach Sec. Com.

FOREIGN NEWS BRIEFS

Fukien Treachery Bared

SHANGHAI, China, Jan. 29.—Light was thrown upon the sudden collapse of the Fukien revolt today when reports reaching here told of a \$6,000,000 (Mexican) bribe paid by the Nanking government to General Tsai Ting-kai, commander of the 19th Route Army. Eugene Chen and other leaders of the Fukien movement. That the sell-out was complete is evident in the fact that despite reported defeats the 19th Route Army still holds the upper hand and is using its advantages position to bargain with the Nanking and Cantonese warlords.

While U. S., Japanese and British warships landed additional marines to assist Nanking troops to suppress mass anti-imperialistic and anti-Kuomintang upsurge, the treacherous Tsai Ting-kai left Foochow today for the south. He has been engaged the past few days in combatting the joint resistance of workers and rank and file 19th Route Army men. At Amoy men of the 19th Route Army have been putting up a bitter fight against the Nanking forces despite orders from their commanders.

French Demonstrations Increase

PARIS, France, Jan. 22.—Police today arrested hundreds of French workers when thousands demonstrated in protest against pay cuts imposed upon government workers, including railroad and postal employees. Another cabinet crisis is predicted in government circles.

Masses Protest New Cuba Regime

HAVANA, Cuba, Jan. 23.—Recognition of the Mendieta government in Cuba by the United States following months of strife in the island indicating the efficiency with which Mr. Jefferson Caffery has whipped Cuban politicians "in order" by no means lessened the tension here. Demonstrations continue as the physicians and pharmacists remain on strike. The new regime was immediately greeted by a large demonstration which marched to the center of the city and forced the manager of Hotel Inglaterra to remove the nationalist sign. Soldiers attempting to interfere were disarmed.

Soviet Leaders See Japan Attack

MOSCOW, U. S. S. R., Jan. 25.—Gravity of the situation in the Soviet Union was stressed in speeches by L. M. Kaganovich and I. V. Kossior, members of the Communist Political Bureau. The former spoke before a Moscow city and province Communist Party conference and pointed to the abandonment of all pretenses at peace talk. Kossior analyzed the feverish preparations in Germany and Japan for war against the Soviet Union.

More for Japanese Navy

TOKYO, Japan, Jan. 26.—While Japanese officials continue to issue threatening statements toward the Soviet Union the Japanese navy is planning to spend 200,000,000 yen for further naval building, it was learned today. This is in addition to the largest naval budget in the history of Japan, recently announced.

Gallagher Given Until Jan. 27

BERLIN, Germany, Jan. 23.—Leo Gallagher, I. L. D. attorney, sent by the American workers to defend the Reichstag fire victims, was given until Jan. 27th to get out of Germany. He is here to demand the release of the four acquitted, and arrange for their safe passage out of the country. A flood of protests is again reaching Germany from all parts of the world demanding the immediate release of the victims.

Nazis Face Grave Crisis

BERLIN, Germany, Jan. 26.—A possible crisis was seen in the Nazi government with the assembling here of one of the most important financial conferences held since the war. Sudden departure of Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, president of the Reichsbank, from Berlin on the eve of the conference, lent weight to persistent rumors of friction between heads of the central bank and cabinet members and of a general crisis in the Nazi regime.

The conference was called by Dr. Schacht to discuss a moratorium on part of the foreign debt.

Whitewash Arvin Murderers, Find Workers Guilty

FRAMING SO HOLLOW JUDGE PASSES OUT LIGHT SENTENCES

BAKERSFIELD, Calif., Jan. 24.—Faced with overwhelming evidence of the frame-up of the five cotton strikers tried here on charges of starting the Arvin riot last October, the jury nevertheless found four of them guilty and so white-washed the formerly armed ranchers, deputies and finance men who fired into the picket lines.

Subia, was murdered and many other strikers wounded. Even prosecution witnesses admitted this, while none of the thirty-one could name a single striker who was armed.

Hershel Real and Jessie McHenry were sentenced to sixty days and Alonzo Andrews and Mrs. Andrews to ten days. These terms were commuted to time already served while waiting for the trial, and they were released along with the fifth defendant, Homer Collingsworth, who was found "Not Guilty".

The jury, court and district attorney hoped by this frame-up verdict and release to stop any charges being brought against the deputies, ranchers and the finance companies who control the county. One deputy, Miller, was fired by the sheriff for testimony which favored the strikers.

The evidence throughout the two weeks trial proved conclusively that the forty-odd ranchers, deputies and agents from the finance and gin companies were all armed and began the attack in the highway near the Mitchell ranch in which Peter Subia was murdered.

The proof for his contention still remains to be shown. Incidentally, while we never boast of having too much money for Communist activity—as this is one movement that has no limit for expansion—anyone who reads our press can easily see that the remarkable part about the financing of the revolutionary movement in the United States, is the large number of small contributors. For instance, the \$40,000 for the Daily Worker collected in the recent drive came from 18,745 contributors. Each of these were acknowledged in the Daily Worker. A similar proportion will be found in the case of our Western Worker drive. Our mass meetings attended by tens of thousands bear testimony to the fact that workers contribute very enthusiastically.

"Have communistic demonstrations and activities diminished since November 16th?" An hour's talk with federal operatives and police officials who check reports from all over the country proves illuminating. The answer is that agitation is proceeding at about the same scale as before.

The correspondent admits that this intense Communist activity cannot be traced to the Soviet Union. "But where does the jack come from?" he asks. His answer is the Amtric, the Soviet Trading Corporation in the United States is the source. And here is the proof:

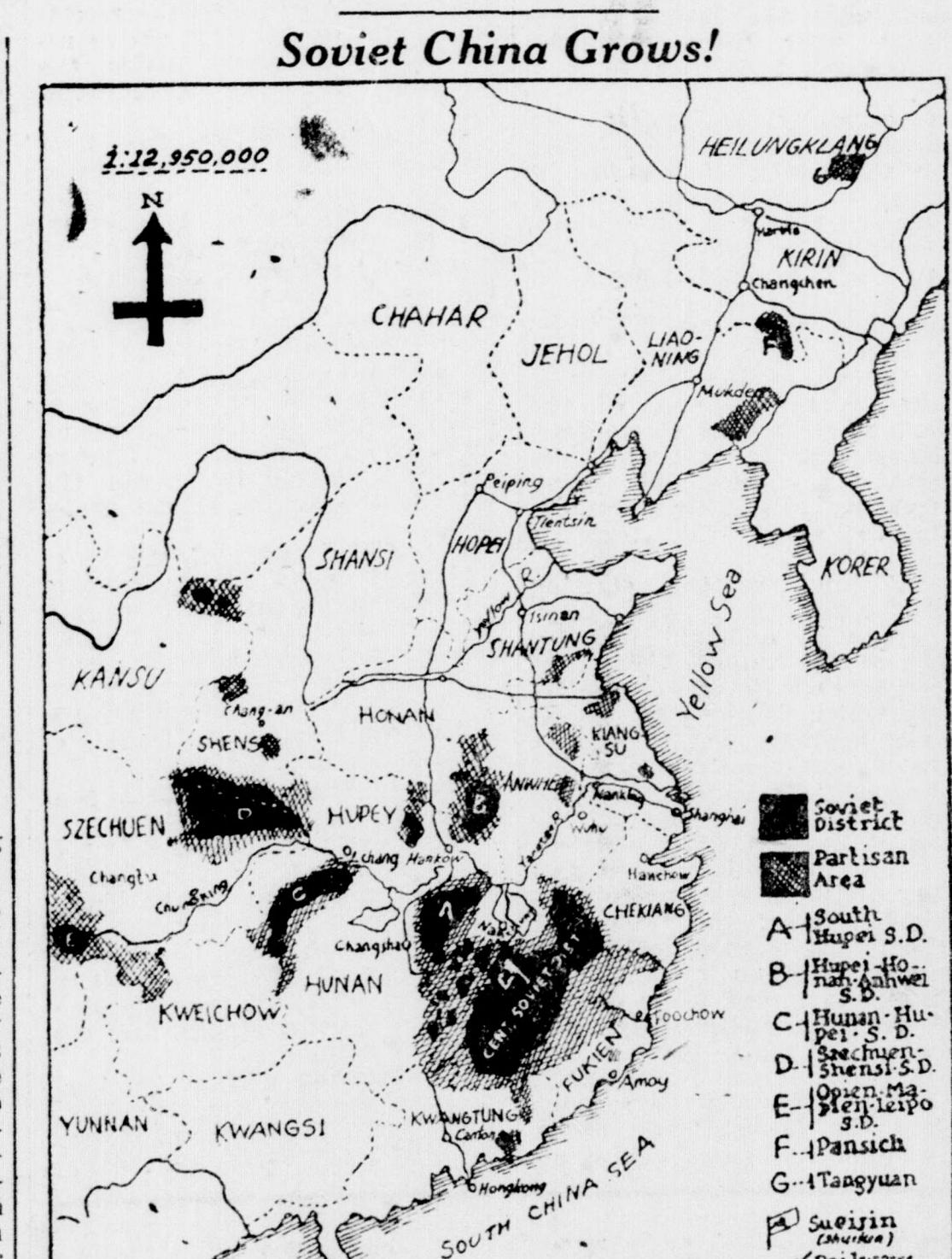
"There is no central treasury organization. And as for collections, a recent meeting in Washington is typical. About 80 people were present. Rent of the hall was \$4.00. It was announced the Unemployed Council would contribute \$2 if the audience would chip in the rent. After the hat was passed a careful count totaled \$1.84."

Even if we grant that the little description of the Communist meeting is true, how the bright correspondent makes that

World Events and Western Workers

By Geo. Morris

John Barry's Idea for Anti-War Work — A Big Army and Navy — The Communist Position — Japan Worries About Advancing Red China — 100 Million Chinese Under Red Flag — "Moscow Gold" Yarn Again — Read Comintern Theses



This recent map shows the extent to which Soviet districts in Central China are growing, embracing one-sixth of the total territory and about one-quarter of the population. Central Chinese Soviet government is now in its 3rd year.

Union is the chief factor making for peace.

Soviet China Advances

Koki Hirota, foreign minister of Japan, in an address before the Japanese Diet, tried to convince American imperialists that Japan is the only "stabilizing force" (read—protector of Imperialist interests) in the Far East, and therefore should get support for its war and robbery program.

The conference should adopt practical measures, should call for all war funds to the unemployed. The toiling masses and small property owners should be shown that huge war appropriations are only increasing the tax burden which is chiefly shifted on their shoulders. They should be told that the U. S. imperialists are now the main factor that is pushing Japan towards a war against the Soviet Union, as the first step towards a war with the victor, for domination of the Pacific.

Meanwhile we are watching not without great misgivings, the activities of the Communist Party, and the increasing rampancy of the Red Armies in China.

Only such a movement could make it too dangerous for the imperialists to attempt a war.

That is precisely why, the Communists in all countries and the existence of the Soviet

makers are watching the progress of the revolutionary movement in China, so is the world's working class. The advance there is the greatest inspiration to the workers throughout the world. Incidentally, the developments here as in the case of the Soviet Union give the lie to the miserable Trotskyites, who for years have been harping that the Comintern failed in China.

At the second anniversary celebration of Soviet China in November, Comrade Tchou Teh, the Commander in Chief of the Red Army, and Chairman of the Revolutionary War Council of Soviet China, declared:

"Since 1931 the Red Army has decisively repulsed five crusades organized by the Kuomintang and the imperialists. No less than

The Present World Situation and the Tasks of the Communists

While the U. S. S. R. is the bulwark of the international proletariat and of the oppressed nations, is developing its socialist construction and raising its power to a higher and higher level, the economy of the capitalist world is falling to pieces. The noose of poverty, ruin and hunger is tightening. The bourgeoisie is furiously intensifying its economic means of exploitation by methods of fascist violence, by robbing the toiling classes and by war against other nations. But at the same time the revolutionary indignation of the toiling masses and their readiness to overthrow the intolerable yoke of the exploiting classes, is growing more and more.

FASCISM.

(1) Fascism is the open, terroristic dictatorship of the most reactionary, most chauvinist and most imperialist elements of finance capital. Fascism tries to secure a mass basis for monopolist capital among the petty-bourgeoisie, appealing to the farmers, small shopkeepers, office employees and government employees who have been thrown out of their normal course of life, and particularly to the declassed elements in the big cities also trying to penetrate into the working class.

The growth of fascism and its coming into power in Germany and in a number of other capitalist countries means:

(a) That the revolutionary crisis and the indignation of the broad masses against the rule of capital is growing.

(b) That the capitalists are no longer able to maintain their dictatorship by the old methods of parliamentarism and of capitalist "democracy" in general.

(c) That, moreover, the methods of parliamentarism and bourgeois democracy in general are becoming a hindrance to the capitalists both in their internal politics (the struggle against the proletariat) as well as in their foreign politics (war for the imperialist redistribution of the world).

(d) That in view of this capital is compelled to pass to open terrorist dictatorship within the country and to unrestrained chauvinism in foreign politics which represents direct preparation for imperialist wars.

(2) While the general line of all bourgeois parties, including "socialist" parties is towards the fascization of the rule of the bourgeoisie, the realization of this line inevitably gives rise to disagreement among them as to forms and methods of fascization. Certain capitalist groups, particularly the "socialist" party and A. F. or L. leaders (social-fascists), who in practice stick at nothing in their acts of police violence against the working-class, urge the maintenance of parliamentary forms. The fascists, however, insist on the total or partial abolition of these old, shaken forms of bourgeois democracy, on carrying through fascization by means of the establishment of an open fascist dictatorship and by a wide application of both police violence and the terrorism of fascist gangs. Having come to power, fascism pushes aside, splits and disintegrates the other bourgeois parties (for instance, Poland), or dissolves them (Germany and Italy). This striving of fascism for political monopoly intensifies the discord and conflicts in the ranks of the ruling classes which follow from the internal contradictions in the position of the bourgeoisie who are becoming fascized.

Social Democracy Main Prop of Bourgeoisie.

(3) The establishment of the fascist dictatorship in Germany has unmasked German Social-Democracy (counterpart of the American "socialist" party) before the whole world. From their bloody crushing of the proletarian revolution in 1918, through an uninterrupted chain of treachery and strike-breaking, thru all the coalition governments, the savage police massacres of revolutionary workers, voting for Hindenburg as the "lesser evil", to servile endeavors to cooperate openly with the fascist gangs, such is the record of German social democracy, the leading party in the Second International.

Social democracy continues to play the role of the main social prop of the bourgeoisie also in the countries of open fascist dictatorship. In fighting against the revolutionary unity of the proletariat and against the U. S. S. R. it helps the bourgeoisie to prolong the existence of capitalism by splitting the workingclass. In the majority of countries, however, it is already in the process of disintegration. The radicalization of the social-democracy

intensifies the squabbles among the leading circles of the social-fascists. Avowed neo-fascist groups are arising; "left" fragments break away and try to patch together a new two and one-half international. Trotsky, the lackey of the counter-revolutionary capitalist class is unsuccessfully trying to prevent the more militant workers from coming over to the side of Communism by his despicable attempts to form a fourth international and by spreading anti-Soviet slanders.

Finance Capitalism Cannot Restore Stabilization of Capitalism.

(4) The economic policy of the financial oligarchy for overcoming the crisis (the robbery of the workers and peasants, subsidies to the capitalists and landlords) is unable to restore the stabilization of capitalism; on the contrary, it is helping still further to disintegrate the mechanism of capitalist economy (disorganization of the money system, of the budget, state bankruptcies, a further deepening of the agrarian crisis) and to sharply intensify the fundamental contradictions of capitalism.

In this situation, all the capitalist countries are developing their war industries to unprecedented dimensions, and are adapting all the principal branches of industry, as well as agriculture, to the needs of war. The "demand" thus created for means of extermination and destruction, combined with open inflation (U. S. A., Great Britain and Japan), super-dumping (Japan), and hidden inflation (Germany), has in the past year caused an increase in output in some branches of industry in a number of countries (particularly iron, steel, non-ferrous metals, the chemical and textile industries). But this whipping up of production for non-productive purposes, or the speculative leaps in production on the basis of inflation, is accompanied by stagnation or a fall in production in a number of other branches (machine construction, building, the production of articles of consumption), and in the near future cannot but lead to the still greater disturbance of state finances and to a still further intensification of the general crisis of capitalism.

The furious struggles for foreign and colonial markets has already assumed the form of an actual international economic war.

Is the Crisis Ending?

(5) Therefore the estimation of the present world situation as one in which capitalism has succeeded in consolidating its position, in which it is already on the path towards overcoming its general crisis, is completely wrong.

Even the most savage terror which the bourgeoisie employs in order to suppress the revolutionary movement cannot, in the conditions when capitalism is shaken, for long frighten the advanced strata of the toilers and restrain it from taking action; the indignation which this terror has aroused even among the majority of the workers who followed the social-democrats, make them ready to accept Communist agitation and propaganda.

When the bourgeoisie reorganizes its tottering dictatorship on a fascist basis in order to create a firm, solid government, this, in the present conditions, leads to the strengthening, not only of its class terrorism, but also of the elements which disrupt its power to the destruction of the authority of bourgeois law in the eyes of the broad masses, to the growth of internal friction among the bourgeoisie and to the acceleration of the collapse of its main social support—"socialist" and reformist leadership. Finally, when the bourgeoisie tries, by an aggressive war policy, to strengthen its foreign position, it extremely intensifies international antagonisms and the danger for capitalism which arises from them.

The Maturing of the Revolutionary Crisis.

(6) But the presence and operation of these tendencies, both economic and political, do not imply that revolutionary development is preceding upwards by itself, or uninhibited without resistance from counteracting forces.

Revolutionary development is simultaneously hindered and accelerated by the fascist fury of the bourgeoisie. The question as to how soon the rule of fascism will be overthrown by the proletariat will be determined by the fighting preparedness of the majority of the workingclass, by the successful work of the Communist Parties in undermining the mass

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The following is the latest thesis of the Communist International on the chief problems facing the world's workers today. It is slightly condensed to save space. The full text was published in the Daily Worker of Jan. 13. No one can authoritatively speak on these important political questions without a thorough knowledge of contents of this document.

POLITICAL COMMITTEE OF COMMUNIST INTERNATIONAL



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influence of social-democracy.

In the present situation, in conditions when antagonistic class forces are strained to the utmost, the growth of the revolutionary mass movement in individual capitalist countries can have a constant or level character even less than before. In China there is a war, intervention and revolution. In Japan there is the growth of the forces of revolution and the mobilization of the military fascist forces on the eve of great class conflicts.

In Spain there is the clash between revolution and counter-revolution. In the U. S. A. there is a wave of mass strikes of the workers and indignation among the farmers against the bourgeois program for overcoming the crisis.

In Germany the revolutionary

hatred of the proletariat is growing at the present moment in less open forms. There, enormous revolutionary energy is being accumulated among the masses and a new revolutionary upsurge is already beginning. The strained situation in Germany sharpens to the extreme the class relations in the neighboring countries—in Czechoslovakia, Austria, the Baltic countries, as well as in the Scandinavian countries. In Holland, Belgium and in Switzerland. In Poland, the mass strikes of the workers are accompanied by big revolutionary actions in the Polish rural districts. In Bulgaria, in spite of the terror, the majority of the workingclass solidly follow the Communist Party. In Rumania, there is a big strike of railwaymen, with barricade fighting.

The growing uncertainty of the bourgeoisie as to possibility of finding a way out of the crisis only by the intensified exploitation of the toilers of their own countries, has led the imperialists to put their main stake on war. The international situation bears all the features of the eve of a new world war.

Soviet China Big Factor of World Revolution

(1) The flames of a new world war are flaring up in the Pacific. The Japanese militarists, spurred on by the profound internal crisis which the bourgeoisie-landlord monarchy is undergoing, are continuing the predatory war against China. The American, British imperialism is stretching out its hand to the South Eastern provinces of China. Tibet, Szechuan, while French imperialism is stretching out its hand towards Yunnan. The fascist military clique of Japan is acting as the battering ram against the anti-imperialist and agrarian revolution in China. The American, Japanese and British imperialists are behind the Kuomintang in its sixth campaign against the only people's government in China, against the Chinese Soviets. The victories of the Soviet revolution in China, the guerrilla war in Manchuria, the growth of the revolutionary forces in Japan and of the liberation movement of the colonial peoples create a new front in the rear of the imperialists.

(2) The Japanese militarists are calling to the German fascists and the British imperial-

ists to unleash a counter-revolutionary war against the U. S. S. R. from the East and from the West. At the same time, German fascism is inviting the international bourgeoisie to purchase its national-socialist mercenaries to fight against the U. S. S. R., intriguing with British, Italian and Polish imperialists (the German-Polish negotiations). The British imperialists at the present time have taken the place of the French as the chief organizers of an anti-Soviet war.

The Soviet Union has achieved considerable successes in the unswerving and firm policy of peace. It has pursued in the interests of all the toilers.

(3) The fascist government of Germany, which is the chief instigator of war in Europe, is provoking trouble in Danzig, in Austria, in the Saar, in the Baltic countries and in Scandinavia, and on the pretext of fighting against Versailles, is trying to form a bloc for the purpose of bringing up a new bloody carving up of Europe for the benefit of German imperialism. Imperialist blocs, headed either by France or Italy, or by Britain, which intrigues behind their backs, are being feverishly reorganized around the key-points of imperialist contradictions. Europe has become a powder-magazine which may explode at any moment.

Widely popularize the solution of the national question in the U. S. S. R. and the tremendous economic, social and cultural successes achieved by the peoples which were liberated by the October Revolution.

The Fight Against Fascist Ideology.

The Communists must:

Daily and concretely expose chauvinism to the masses in every country and oppose it by proletarian internationalism; Imperialist blocs, headed either by France or Italy, or by Britain, which intrigues behind their backs, are being feverishly reorganized around the key-points of imperialist contradictions. Europe has become a powder-magazine which may explode at any moment.

Widely popularize the solution of the national question in the U. S. S. R. and the tremendous economic, social and cultural successes achieved by the peoples which were liberated by the October Revolution.

B. The Fight Against the Fascization of the Bourgeois Government and Against War.

In their fight against social-

democracy, the Communists must prove to the workers that the new bankruptcy of social-democracy and the Second International was historically inevitable.

While carefully exposing to the masses and refuting the hypocritical and treacherous sophistries of social-democracy, the Communists must win over the social-democratic workers for active revolutionary struggle under the leadership of the Communist Parties.

Social-democracy, which split the workingclass by its treachery at the time of the imperialist war and the October Revolution, has in all countries, in accordance with directives of the Second International, refused the offers made by the Communist Parties for united working class action, and sabotaged the united anti-fascist and anti-war movements created in Amsterdam and Paris, and in the face of fascism and war, strived to deepen the split in the ranks of the proletariat.

In carefully explaining the economic and political slavery which the fascist dictatorship is bringing to the toilers, showing the masses that the fascists are not socialist and are not bringing in a new order, but are lacking, licksplitties of capital, the Communists must rouse the masses in time for the defense of the trade unions, of the labor press, of the workers' clubs, of the freedom to strike and of workers' meetings, organizing protest demonstrations, strikes and setting up tight self-defense detachments to resist the terrorist gangs.

(a) Taking as the starting point the defense of the everyday economic and political interests of the toilers, rouse the masses against the fascists; (b) Penetrate all the fascist mass organizations and also carry on revolutionary work in the forced labor camps; while fighting against the revolutionary workers leaving the fascist trade unions individually, but not calling upon the workers to join the fascist trade unions, the Communists must utilize all

all provocations of fascism (the burning of the Reichstag, the faking of the Reichstag election, etc.), stirring up strikes and leading the proletariat up to mass political strikes;

(c) Organize the demagogic and anti-socialist forces of the nation under the slogan "defense of democracy", and "defense against German fascism", actively participate in the preparations for war against Germany. The German social-democracy openly voted in the Reichstag for the national front of German fascism, which is preparing for a military adventure.

At the same time, the Second and Amsterdam Internationals are adapting their policy to the situation of the eve of war, trying to safeguard the interests of their own bourgeoisie and to ensure that the main blow will be directed at the U. S. S. R.; they hypocritically ask this by expressing readiness to reply to war by a general strike and a boycott, but they declare in advance

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"Yeah," said the farmer as he leaned on his manure fork, "it just struck me that Roosevelt meant when he said he'd give us a stabilized dollar."



"Japan is actuated by no ulterior motives other than her desire to establish enduring peace in east Asia."

—Foreign Minister Hirota.

Real friend
Of the capitalist,
Only he
Sells the workingman
Enough propaganda to
Void his every fear,
Even though he does
Leave his
Troubles unsolved.

—R. Stevens.

LENNOX, Cal., Jan. 18.—The Red Flag flew in Lawndale Park today. The flag was wired fast, and the tall pole had been greased, so the flag floated bravely in the breeze throughout the day.

A CWA worker was asked to assist in removing the offending banner.

"Hell, no!" he replied. "I'd like to see one over the White House."

BLACK KETTLE TO BLACK POT.

When seventy-five prisoners in San Jose jail went on hunger strike against their starvation rations, lynch-sheriff Enig got indignant. "They ought to be ashamed of themselves. Most of them are living better in jail than they would be if they were free." So far the heads of the unemployed shelter have not answered.

BRIGHT SAYINGS
OF CHILDREN:

"The courtroom is a sacred place wherein justice is dispensed."

—S. F. Judge Meikle, just before holding for trial two workers who stood on their rights and refused her order to salute a flag.

"The coal industry is on the highest level of its history," said John Lewis, of the A. F. L. United Mine Workers of America in his biennial report. "President Roosevelt and his NRA program are the saviour of American labor. A bright future is ahead for us." Meaning no doubt that they have gotten the NRA mine companies to assure their dues collection for them.

Hardly a day passes that the Kuomintang doesn't send reports of great slaughters of the Chinese Red Army soldiers by Nanking forces. It's really too bad (for them) that they're not as effective at winning victories as their present agents are.

DID YOU EVER HEAR A DREAM TALKING?

"We could double our membership if all dues were collected," says the "Socialist" Party organization leaflet.

The NRA on a Fish Reduction Boat

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 25.—The "Lake Miraflores," a fish-reduction boat of the Santa Cruz Oil Company, has the Blue Buzzard in the window. "WE DO OUR PART".

They do—to exploit the slaves who are working on it. Twelve hours a day of the hardest kind of back-breaking work. The shifts are so divided that it is difficult to get any real sleep. Six and a half on, four off, four on, four off and five and a half on. This is the way the time passes, with the machinery beating a continual devil's tattoo on the cardboards.

Not satisfied with this, the bosses have been experimenting with new devices to speed up the presses. Now over one hundred to be sacked, trucked into the sweating gang (men) in the hold. Leaflets issued by the Fisherman and Cannery Workers Industrial Union have found their way onto the boat. The boys are realizing that only through united action with their comrades of the fishing fleet can they better their conditions, particularly since the sailors on deck won their strike against doing overtime free, last week.

—Reduction-boat worker.

S. P. Fakers Aid Stools to Split Up Portland Jobless

GAINS FROM UNITED ACTION
BRINGS DISRUPTORS
INTO ACTION

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 25.—Helping Police Chief Lawson in his effort to smash unity of the unemployed here, a small gang of self-styled "leaders" of the Unemployed Citizens League are trying to split it by forming a new outfit, the United Citizens League.

From the beginning of the Multnomah County Unemployed Federation, this group, led by Walter Whitbeck, J. E. Look, Walton Root, and Stanley Anderson, aided by leading members of the Socialist Party local, have tried to wreck the Federation because it was gaining more strength through militant mass action. Attempts to withdraw the Civic Emergency group from the united front, and efforts to oust Unemployed Councils, failed. They have carried on a consistent campaign of slander and disruption.

Tuesday at a meeting of the Unemployed Leagues, the gang tried to get the new organization adopted. Various locals of the League had previously voted against it. In their efforts to put their scheme over Whitbeck disclosed stool-pigeon activity, in the reading of letters stolen from the Communist Party, and speaking of many matters involving inner-Party information, his idea being to raise the red scare and discredit the Communists and others. The information clearly came from one unit where a member had been recently expelled as a stool-pigeon.

Whitbeck is a local petty-politician, constantly associating with police heads, while Anderson and Look are promoting a back-to-the-land movement, and have their new group sponsoring. Look admits getting \$1000 for this, calling it "expenses".

Evict Family From Martin Ranch; Were Out on Strike

FARMERSVILLE, Cal., Jan. 17.—A family of thirteen was evicted from the Martin ranch near here when, together with nine other Mexican families here, they struck against the miserable conditions under which they had long been working.

The boss on the ranch held out all their pay checks and paid them only in miserable short rations of beans, potatoes, coffee, sugar, onions and flour.

The workers, though toiling on the ranch for several years, were unorganized and felt they could get no justice in a capitalist court, anyway. Finally, refusing to endure it any longer, they struck. They were clubbed, jailed and some evicted.

The Cannery & Agricultural Workers Industrial Union is fighting to get relief for these families and for the other Mexican families. They are particularly discriminated against for activities in this and other strikes, but the Mexican workers find their great strength in the fact of belonging to an organization which fights with and for them without caring a damn about the color of their skin or their race.

—G. A.

Seattle Theater Groups Unite

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 10.—At a special meeting, called by a member of the bureau of the Western District of the League of Workers' Theatres, two groups became affiliated with the League and a third was contacted.

A section was formed, and an executive committee elected.

Though the Seattle groups were not sufficiently prepared, and will not be represented in the Theater Competition to be held in Los Angeles, Feb. 17 and 18, delegates will attend the convention.

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LOS ANGELES WORKERS!

Celebrate with the International Workers Order, Southern California District, the opening of the Third District Plenum and receipt of its state charter at its

CONCERT

Sat., Feb. 3, 8 p. m. — Walkers Auditorium
730 So. Grand Ave.

Freight Gesang Verein — Mandolin Orchestra
I.W.O. Youth Drama Group — I.W.O. School Childrens Drama Group
Main Speaker — Comrade Schaeffer, National Organizer, I. W. O.
ADMISSION 15c

Western Worker Readers! Attention!!

THERE WILL BE NO SEMI-WEEKLY IF ONLY THE \$5,000.00 IS RAISED!!

WE MUST ALSO HAVE THE 3,000 NEW SUBS—

But While Our Fund Passed the 60% Mark
New Subs Total 640 or only 20%.

It is true that during this week a larger number of subscriptions came than in any previous week of the drive. But it is still far below number needed to reach our goal.

There are two main reasons for the drive being so one-sided.

- 1) Many of our readers who are not yet subscribers do not realize that subscribers are the main foundation for the paper, and delay sending in their own subscriptions. They lose sight of the fact that the only way to make sure that no copy of the semi-weekly will be missed, to save yourself the job of looking for it twice a week, and incidentally to save money, IS TO SUBSCRIBE.
- 2) Most of our party units and supporting organizations are slow in starting the canvass for subs seriously. Very few have assigned committees to visit all supporters of the revolutionary movement and the members of our organizations. THIS SHOULD BE STARTED IMMEDIATELY.

BUT—

If everyone who reads this notice, would immediately send in a sub for him or herself, or subscribe a friend, the goal would be laid for the semi-weekly in ONE WEEK'S TIME.

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WAR CHEST:

(1) LOS ANGELES: Lenin Memorial	\$ 62.50
Hungarian Womens House Party	14.89
Downtown Section Lenin Memorial	2.13
Harbor Section Lenin Memorial	3.15
Firestone Section Lenin Memorial	.56
	\$83.13
(2) SAN FRANCISCO: Unit 22	5.00
Unit 9	7.05
Anna Rose House Party	2.12
Unit 26 Party	5.00
Unit 16 Party	2.49
Lenin Memorial	54.42
Unit 15	.50
	76.49
(3) SONOMA SECTION: Petaluma Lenin Memorial	3.64
Petaluma New Years Affair	23.30
Petaluma Movie Showing	11.96
	38.90
SACRAMENTO: New Years Eve balance	11.55
Movie	2.31
Lenin Memorial	1.43
Unit 5 House Party	7.85
	23.14
EAST BAY: Hayward Movie	2.00
Berkeley Lenin Memorial	5.60
Oakland So. Slav Workers Club	1.00
Berkeley Unit	3.00
Oakland Unit 4	3.30
	14.90
MONTEREY: Salinas Movie Showing	5.34
FRESNO: Lenin Memorial	.52
Reedley Memorial	4.46
SAN JOSE: Palo Alto Movie	3.40
W. K. G.	2.00
Freiheit Drive 25%	25.00
	25.00
Total Sixth Week	\$ 277.29
Previously acknowledged	2789.45
	\$ 3066.74
TOTAL TO DATE	

SUBSCRIBERS ARMY:

San Francisco	57
East Bay	18
Sacramento	10
San Jose	8
Eureka	26
Monterey	4
Petaluma	3
Bakersfield	1
Los Angeles	80
San Diego	4
Nevada	3
Arizona	1
Oregon	3
Honolulu	1
Utah	1
Colorado	1
Washington	1
Texas	1
TOTAL THIS WEEK	213

WITH THE YOUNG WORKERS

Archie Brown Goes on Tour for YCL

OAKLAND, Cal., Jan. 22.—Archie Brown, East Bay Section YCL Organizer, will go on a district tour beginning February 10th in the East Bay Section and winding up in San Francisco on March 24th. This tour has been arranged to raise funds for uniforms, and to carry on a thorough checkup on our recruiting campaign. \$500 is to be raised.

Mass meetings and debates are to be arranged for Comrade Brown by all towns, the subjects to be around anti-war, Socialism vs. Capitalism, etc.

Comrade Brown's schedule in part, follows:

Oakland Sat., Feb. 10
Berkeley Sun., Feb. 11
Hayward Mon., Feb. 12
Stockton Tues., Feb. 13
Lodi Wed., Feb. 14
Sacramento Thurs., Feb. 15
Chico Fri., Feb. 16
Eureka Sat., Feb. 17
Petaluma Sun., Feb. 18
Com. Brown will then speak in the coast, San Joaquin Valley and Southern California towns.

Boss Press Forced To Admit Progress Of the Soviet YCL

"KOMSOMOL" NOW HAS FIVE MILLION MEMBERS

The "San Francisco News" printed in a recent issue a series of three articles about the "Komsomol," the Young Communist League of the USSR. Even the capitalist press is forced to give credit to this growing proletarian youth organization. Following are some quotations from the "News":

"An interview with A. V. Kosevay, leader of the "Komsomol," dispelled many preconceived ideas that have grown up abroad, regarding the new generation, that is preparing to run the new world."

The "News" admits that the organization, which has more than 5,000,000 members, is healthy, sane, ambitious for the common welfare and, above all, normal in the highest sense. Being ambitious, it is seeking the greatest degree of culture, the highest education, and the greatest comfort for all.

Two phases of youth philosophy, the "News" continues, have been purposely misunderstood in the capitalist countries. The first, morals, sex, marriage, divorce, birth control. The second, sport and recreation; dancing, music, plays, competitive athletic contests. In the relationship of the two sexes, these young people would stand the severest tests of bourgeois and Christian moralities. Their marital relations are on as high a level as anywhere in the world. Husband and wife are comrades.

Healthy. Happy.

The "News" states further that since the recognition of the Soviet Union by the Roosevelt government, the U. S. A. enjoys a great popularity among the Russian youth. Not in ideological or economical, but in technical problems they look towards America. The serious-minded youth of a few years ago, are now enjoying dancing, music, movies, etc. The changed philosophy holds that being a Communist in the 17th year of the revolution need no longer be a solemn and painful business.

As Comrade Kosarov indicated, the Russian youth, too want nice apartments, comforts, radios, automobiles, good clothes. Communists do not oppose these things, on the contrary, we are working for the time when the Socialist land will be real enough to provide these things for every worker.

How long will it take, before the majority of the vast masses of the exploited American youth realize the necessity for an organization as basically sound and powerful as the Russian "Komsomol"? Let's fight against our exploiters! Strengthen the lines of the workers!

Youth of America, join the YOUNG COMMUN

Editorial Column

Growers Prepare - But Are We Ready?

The last two months for the growers in most parts of California were like a breathing spell from the long series of strikes that proved to them that the agricultural workers of California will not meekly accept their coolie standards.

But, during all this time they were haunted by the fear that the strike wave will be renewed and strengthened, that they will have to yield some of their big profits in the form of increased wages. The Imperial Valley, Orange and Pescadero strikes prove that beyond a doubt.

A recent issue of the Pacific Rural Press expresses the attitude of the growers and landlords in their editorial "The Communist Menace".

"An amazing inside story of the effort of Communist leaders to organize the agricultural workers in California has come out in a series of meetings which the agricultural committee of the State Chamber of Commerce has been holding in this state. Also the recent annual meeting of the Farm Bureau at Santa Barbara disclosed the same serious situation, and as a result of a conference in San Francisco last week the State Chamber and the Farm Bureau will co-operate in the appointment of a committee to make plans for meeting the problem next year."

At each of the meetings mentioned, resolutions were adopted requesting the federal government to "halt" the advance of Communism. They want federal troops to be ready, wholesale deportations, and that even NRA arbitrations be kept out.

The fear of the growers is further illustrated in the appeal they make through their Democratic Representative Stubbs, at Washington, D. C.:

"Because I have intimate knowledge of what occurred in Kern and Tulare counties last year, when men were killed after Communistic activities in the cotton fields of my district, I agree with the farm bureau officials, and ask that the federal government, through the department of justice, step in and halt these Communistic moves."

"We believe in California that the great majority of the laborers are satisfied with the progress that is being made toward recovery, but the Communists are working upon them daily, and they must be stopped. I suggest immediate action."

There is still another reason why the bosses and their politicians are so anxious to get the Federal government to take drastic action in California. They know that the coming state elections will follow immediately after all the harvests, and the inevitable strikes. During these strikes the workers will learn more of these strike-breaking representatives in Washington and Sacramento, while on the other hand they will see the Communist candidates leading them in their struggles.

The fact that Attorney-General Cummings announced he had not yet found any laws that would permit the Federal government to intervene, means little. It is only a conflict between the two capitalist machines, on which should do the dirtiest work. Ralph's terror policy during the last harvest proves to Washington that he knows how to handle things for the bosses.

The committee appointed by the growers is for co-ordinating vigilante activities, and for more efficient utilization of such fakers as the Mexican Consul and A. F. of L. agents.

But how are we fixed? Do we really deserve as much credit at the bosses give us? Is our Agricultural Union in shape for the big battles approaching?

From reports coming from many parts of the state, the bosses are exaggerating a bit—obviously for their own benefit. Many of our locals do not meet. Dues payments are far below the membership. Many of our workers still have the feeling that the time to come to union headquarters is on the eve of a strike.

There is very little time left! The only way to meet the preparations of the big growers, bankers and packers, is to have our organization tightly knit together NOW. Only that will mean that field, shed and cannery workers will be able to live like human beings for the coming year.

S. P. Leaders Allies of Lynchers

"In our struggles for true internationalism against the 'Jingo Socialists' we have always pointed in our press at the conciliationist leaders of the Socialist Party of America, who are in favor of restricting immigration of Chinese and Japanese workers. We think it is impossible to be an internationalist while favoring such restrictions. We assert that as long as the American and, particularly English Socialists, who belong to a RULING and OPPRESSING nation, are in favor of any kind of restriction of immigration and possessing colonies (the Hawaiian Islands) — as long as they do not stand for the full independence of the latter, they are in reality 'Jingoes'."

This is how Lenin characterized the Hillquits, Thomases and their kind in 1915, in a letter from Switzerland to one of the early forerunners of the Communist Party in the United States, the Socialist Propaganda League. But this characterization applies today as perfectly as it did 19 years ago.

The Western Worker already has had occasion to expose how the Socialist NRA union of Turlock and Modesto came out for chasing out of the Filipino workers. Now comes the most shameless follow-up of this treachery. The Socialist Party organization in Sonoma County, The National Farmers Union, has joined together with the American Legion, Chamber of Commerce, and others of the most reactionary organizations there, to drive 150 Filipinos out of the county. Together with leading lynchers in Santa Rosa, its leaders met and repeated the usual pack of lies against the Filipino workers—that they insult white women, are immoral, and that the home is not safe with them around.

The Socialist Party is helping the lynchers split the workers.

But what are the Communists of Sonoma County doing? Exactly the opposite. We need only quote a leaflet being spread in the county by our comrades:

WORKERS AND FARMERS, CITIZENS OF SONOMA COUNTY: A campaign of terror has been let loose against Filipino workers by anti-labor and anti-farmer organizations. Various slanderous and lying charges have been brought against them. The bosses that cut the wages of all the workers, including those of the FILIPINOS, have the nerve to blame the FILIPINO WORKERS for the low wages they receive. We never heard about Filipinos insulting white women when they were needed to do the hard and dirty work.

This yarn is now being spread by the agents of the exploiters for the purpose of preventing THE GROWING UNITY OF THE WORKERS AND OPPRESSED FARMERS. In face of the mass discontent they are trying to set up one section of the toiling population against the other.

WORKERS AND OPPRESSED FARMERS: The gentry at the head of this drive against the Filipinos are the same that foreclose your farms, cut your wages, evict you from your homes, smash your organizations and fight all your attempts to better your living conditions.

Answer the lynch call of the bosses by an UNIFIED FRONT OF ALL THE TOLERS, irrespective of race, color, creed or nationality. STOP PERSECUTION OF FILIPINO WORKERS.

This is the only correct position that workers and poor farmers can take. It is by no means an easy road. It means battering down the white chauvinist ideas instilled in the minds of the masses through years of drilling. In such counties as Sonoma County when our comrades place themselves alongside of the Filipino workers, they have to face the lynchers. BUT THAT IS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY IF WE ARE TO BURN OUT THIS SCOURGE THAT IS EATING INTO THE HEART OF THE TOILING MASSES, ESPECIALLY HERE IN CALIFORNIA.

That this question is of first rate importance, especially now that we are entering another agricultural season and naturally another round of strikes for human working conditions, was made clear in the manner the boss press treats the strike of only 200 spinach workers at Pescadero. Big headlines appeared in the San Francisco papers on an "expected race riot" there between the Filipino and Japanese workers.

Socialist Party members, workers and farmers, should realize that the Leninist line followed by our Party makes it the only instrument for uniting the toiling masses in the fight to better their living conditions.

JOIN IT AND HELP IN THE GREAT TASK!

The Western Worker in Pescadero Strike



Mass meetings of 200 spinach workers, striking at Pescadero. Upper photo, reading the only paper that is backing their struggle for 25¢ an hour. (Photo by Hollywood Film and Foto League).

The PROFESSOR LECTURES

By Robert Allan

"In order to see the contrast between present day society and that in England during the beginnings of the Industrial Revolution," droned the professor. "I might point out some of the conditions existing at that time. Then we shall see the marvelous PROGRESS we have made."

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deed, have no covering for the night than these rags, and no bed, save a sack of straw and shavings." The professor looked up and said, "You see, our laboring classes aren't so mistreated after all. They must be patient, for after we solve the problem of distribution—and NRA is a good beginning—then the working classes can be treated more charitably."

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war), or the concentration camps for forced labor (a good example from fascism)? That helps to solve the problem for the Capitalist, but not for the worker.

But continuing, the professor said, "Added to these conditions of poor living, the worker found the factory system not to his liking. The new factory discipline robbed him of the chance of easing his work when he felt the strain. He was poorly paid.

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I SING CONFUSION

By Robert J. Pearsall

I sing confusion,
I sing the waving of hands and weaving of spells,
The bankers mumbling old formulas, invoking dead gods, waiting expectant,

The politicians, the "best brains", all high priests of money magic,
Waiting expectant of a miracle, while the people mill about,
Not so confident now of their saviors nor of their witch-doctors.

I sing the confusion of the parties,
The Grand Old Party, doddering graveyard, corruption at its heart,
Democracy in its ghost-dance with Fascism, chanting madness,
"Waste and have, destroy and prosper, borrow and grow rich,"

The "Socialist" Party with its right and left exits,

Opposing revolution's red sunrise with its philosophy of moonshine.

Each will fade, each will vanish before that red sunrise.

It is that sunrise that is disturbing the world.

The cockroaches of high finance scuttle before it,

The exploiters band against it in frenzied bands,

They lift puny arms against it, they cry enchantments,

But it is elemental, nothing stays it.

Nothing will ever stay its grim advance.

I sing the confusion of the people,

Hungry and angry people, hungry and docile people, all manner of people.

They are all part of the revolution.

Their gods are dead, but they will need no other gods.

Out of their bitter experience, knowledge will come,

Nor poems like this, nor propaganda will ever teach them so surely

That theirs is the strength, theirs the skill, theirs the creative

brain,

Theirs must be the iron hand to seize and mould the world.

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